

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL SUB-EXECUTIVE
MINUTES****Thursday, February 15, 2024 (video conference call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada held a meeting by video conference call on Thursday, February 15, 2024, beginning at 4 p.m. (Eastern).

Attendance

Voting Members: Michael Blair, Richard Bott, Teresa Burnett-Cole, M Chorney, Carmen Lansdowne

Resource: Diane Bosman, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Constituting the Meeting

The Moderator, Carmen Lansdowne, constituted the meeting of the Sub-Executive: " Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, seul chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par le quarante-quatrième Conseil général, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council to be in session for the work that may properly be brought before it to the glory of God."

Procedural Motions

Motion: Teresa Burnett-Cole/M Chorney

2024-02-15-093

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary, and that Diane Bosman and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa be resource staff for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Motion: Richard Bott/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2024-02-15-093

That the minutes of the last Sub-Executive meeting, held on December 11, 2023, be approved.

Carried

GOV 02 National Indigenous Council and the General Council Executive – Corresponding Members

The General Secretary introduced this proposal, noting that it was an interim response to a request from the National Indigenous Council that some of their members be included on the General Council Executive as voting members. He noted that further discussion with the NIC would be necessary, and that the Basis of Union restricted the size of the Executive. He also noted that if the remit regarding Indigenous church autonomy passed that there might be some leeway regarding further membership on the GCE. This would need to be addressed by the Manual Committee. There was a question about whether consensus-based decision making might allow fuller participation by these corresponding members. This is another item to be added to the various conversations that need to take place.

Motion: Michael Blair/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2024-02-15-093

That the General Council Sub-Executive:

- a. welcome two members of the National Indigenous Council, selected by the National Indigenous Council, to be corresponding members of the General Council Executive effective as of the General Council Executive's February 21-22, 2024 meeting; and
- b. direct the General Secretary to facilitate a conversation between the National Indigenous Council and General Council Executive to consider potential amendments to *The Manual*, Section D.5.2.

Carried

NOM 10 Recommendations for Appointment

Motion: Richard Bott/M Chorney

2024-02-15-093

That the General Council Sub-Executive

1. Appoint the following members with terms as noted:

Task Group to Review the Roles of the Moderator and General Secretary (December 2024)

- Kelsi James (Lay, Pacific Mountain)

Canadian Council of Churches: Commission on Faith and Witness (June 2027)

- Angelika Piché (Ordained Minister, Nakonha:ka)

Canadian Council of Churches: Commission on Justice and Peace (June 2027)

- Karen Orlandi (Diaconal Minister, Horseshoe Falls)

Investment Committee (Pension)

With the joint recommendation of the Pension Board

- Andy Green, specialist, chair (February 2027) *fourth term*
- Sean Macauley, specialist (February 2026) *two-year extension*

2. Receive for information the following appointments of United Church of Canada members made by the World Council of Churches:

- Ted Dodd (Diaconal, Prairie to Pine): WCC Ecumenical Diaconia Reference Group
- Shane Goldie (Candidate, Chinook Winds): WCC Indigenous Peoples Reference Group

Carried

The recent passing of Rev. Alison Etter, chairperson of the Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee, was noted with great sadness. All the GCE and wider church are holding Alison, her husband and their young son, and her family and friends in prayer in this time of deep grief.

At the request of the Moderator, Richard Bott closed the meeting in prayer.

Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator

Michael Blair, General Secretary